NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FOR ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT #14-01 AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION

A public hearing will be held by the Merced City Planning Commission on Wednesday, November 18, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard in the City Council Chambers located at 678 W. 18th Street, Merced, CA, concerning Zoning Ordinance Amendment #14-01, initiated by the City of Merced. This application involves changes to the Merced Zoning Ordinance (Title 20 of the Merced Municipal Code) which would make massage establishments a conditional use in the C-O (Professional/Commercial Office), C-N (Neighborhood Commercial), and C-C (Central Commercial) zones and would add required conditions that must be met before a massage establishment can obtain a conditional use permit in the C-T (Thoroughfare Commercial) and C-G (General Commercial) zones. Massage therapy provided by a sole practitioner who has a valid certificate as a massage practitioner or massage therapist from the State of California would still be allowed as principally-permitted uses in the C-O, C-N, and C-C zones.

An environmental review checklist has been filed for this project, and a Categorical Exemption from further environmental review under the California Environmental Quality Act has been issued. A copy of this exemption is available for public inspection at the City of Merced Planning Department during regular business hours, at 678 West 18th Street, Merced, California. A copy of this document can also be purchased at the Planning Department for the price of reproduction.

All persons in favor of, opposed to, or in any manner interested in this request for a Zoning Ordinance Amendment are invited to attend this public hearing or forward written comments to the Director of Development Services, City of Merced, 678 West 18th Street, Merced, CA 95340. The public review period for the environmental determination ends on November 18, 2015. Please feel free to call the Planning Department at (209) 385-6858 for additional information. If you challenge the decision of the Planning Commission in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Merced at, or prior to, the public hearing.

After the Planning Commission makes its decision on this matter, the matter will also be considered at a public hearing before the City Council. A separate notice of that public hearing will also be given.

/s/ Kim Espinosa

October 30, 2015 Kim Espinosa, Planning Manager